

REMARKS

In the Response filed on February 27, 2009, Applicants provisionally elected to prosecute the subject matter of Group VII, claims 1-19, 23-26, 30-48, 52-55 and 59. Further, in connection with species elections, Applicants provisionally elected acute inflammatory response, and targeting activin A.

To clarify the species election, Applicants hereby provisionally elect (i) airway inflammation as the specific condition; (ii) an acute inflammatory response; and (iii) targeting activin A.

Further, within the elected Group VII, claims 1-7, 10-12, 15-19, 23-26, 30-36, 39-41, 44-48, 52-55 and 59 encompass (and read on) the elected species of airway inflammation; claims 1-14, 17-19, 23-26, 30-48, 52-55 and 59 encompass (and read on) the elected species of an acute condition; and claims 1-19, 23-26, 30-48, 52-55 and 59 encompass (and read on) the elected species of targeting activin A.

Applicants respectfully urge that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the requirement for restriction and provide an action on the merits with respect to all the claims, or at least the claims of Groups VII-XV, as submitted in the Response filed on February 27, 2009.

Respectfully submitted,



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